# GERMANTOWN HIGH SCHOOL, GERMANTOWN, WI

PROJECT CASE STUDY



GEARBOSS® AIRPRO™ LOCKERS

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## **CHALLENGE**

Plan and install team room lockers in high school locker room.

## WENGER SOLUTION

Assisting athletic department personnel with layout plans to best utilize space. Installing lockers in coordination with renovation schedule.



### **BENEFITS**

- Organizes and secures equipment and personal belongings.
- Integrated bench seat helps reduce clutter, frees floor space.
- Durable, bolt-through construction ensures long-lasting performance.
- Attractive aesthetics create winning team-room environment.
- Open grid design and mounting options promote airflow and sanitation.

#### HIGHLIGHTS

"When we saw the AirPro locker we really fell in love with it," says Phil Datka, Football Coach at Germantown High School in Germantown, Wis. "We liked the wood look and open air design."

When the school was built in 1968, plans called for two boys locker rooms with bathrooms/ showers in the middle. Money ran out before the second locker room was finished; the space served as weight room and storage area over the years. As participation in fall sports increased, the old locker room was no longer sufficient.

"Most athletes had to double up, sharing lockers," recalls Datka, who has coached football for more than 40 years and retired as athletic director in 2003.

"Football players dressed in shifts because space was so tight."

In recent years the football parents organized a "Gridiron Club" to support football in the community. During 2009 they began raising funds to finish the second locker room.

"Our goal was to have a top-notch, first-class facility," explains Datka. "We looked at different floor plans, different style lockers, everything."



AirPro lockers were selected; Wenger installed 69 of them during the summer of 2009. The Gridiron Club painted the walls and installed the flooring – a combination of tile and carpeting. Donors can purchase lockers for \$500 each and be recognized with a name plate in the locker.

"The AirPro lockers are working out great – the kids love them and are taking good care of them," comments Datka. "They look good and are very functional – they're everything we wanted." He says they also appreciate the helmet/shoulder pad toppers and security of being able to lock valuables underneath the seat.

Because the AirPro lockers are mounted off the floor, it's very easy to wash and squeegee the floor underneath. This greatly improves the sanitation; Datka says infections like MRSA are a big concern.

Along with functional benefits, the new lockers help create a team room environment with a winning look. "It's a very attractive room – we're very happy

with everything," declares Datka. "This is a big, big upgrade from our old locker room."

"Our athletes consider the new locker room almost like their clubhouse," he concludes. "They hate to leave it sometimes."









## PRODUCT LIST

GearBoss® AirPro<sup>TM</sup> Lockers

